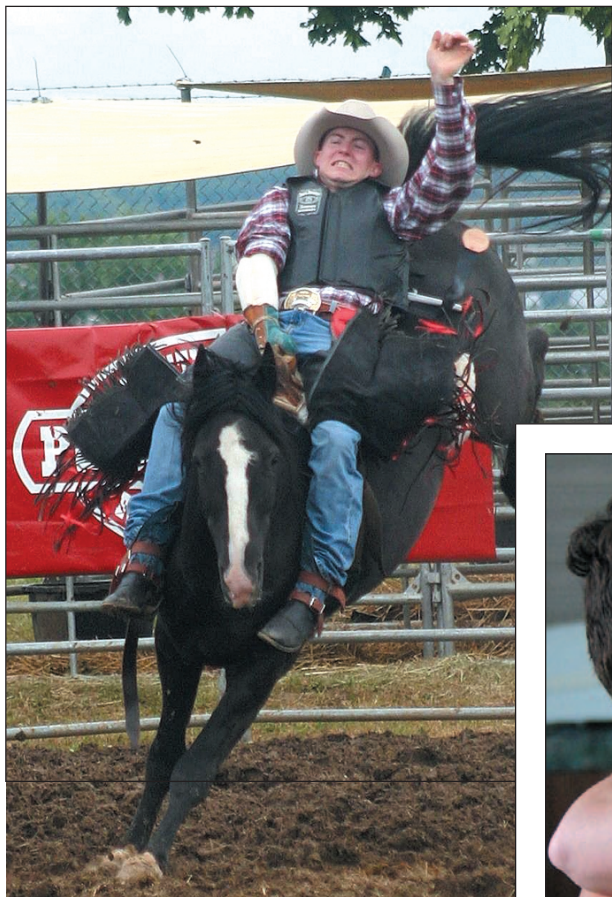


2005: Year in Review

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Clockwise from top left: (1) A rider attempts to hang on for his eight seconds of glory during Stuttgart's Independence Day Weekend Rodeo on Robinson Barracks. (2) Installation Management Agency Europe Region Command Sgt. Maj. Teresa King and U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Barbary salute during Barbary's Aug. 25 change of responsibility ceremony. (3) Patch High School JROTC cadet Reuben Merkes salutes during the Nov. 11 Veterans Day ceremony on Patch Barracks.(4) Pfc. Marco Garced focuses during the 6th Area Support Group Soldier of the Year competition. (5) Peter Buxkemper shares a smile with Kris Kringle Dec. 9 on Kelley Barracks.(6) Hanau High School sophomore Terence Coley, 13, scales Garmisch's Frog Rock during August's Operation Purple Camp, a summer adventure program for children of deployed service members throughout Europe. (Center) A Soldier from the 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), receives a welcome-home hug from his wife after returning from a deployment to Iraq.

The Year in Words

The following is a look back at some of the more famous, infamous and evocative utterings during 2005.

- “I don’t expect you to support everything I do, but tonight I have a request: Do not give in to despair, and do not give up on this fight for freedom.” – President George W. Bush, in an address to the American people about the war in Iraq.
- “This is possibly the most shameful situation I’ve ever gotten myself in in my life, and I’ve done some pretty dumb things in my life. So to actually make a new No. 1 is spectacularly stupid.” – Russell Crowe, apologizing for throwing a phone at a New York hotel concierge.
- “Matt, Matt, Matt, you don’t even – you’re glib. You don’t even know what Ritalin is. ... You don’t know the history of psychiatry. I do.” – Tom Cruise confronting Matt Lauer on the “Today” show.
- “Considering the dire circumstances that we have in New Orleans, virtually a city that has been destroyed, things are going relatively well.” – Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Brown, days after Hurricane Katrina broke through the levees and devastated New Orleans.
- “I have never used steroids. Period.” – Baseball player Rafael Palmeiro, testifying at a March 17 Congressional hearing on steroids. Less than two months later, Palmeiro tested positive for the anabolic steroid stanozolol.
- “I will be acquitted and vindicated when the truth is told.” – Michael Jackson, discussing the 10 counts (including child molestation) that he was facing in a California court. He was eventually found not guilty on all counts.
- “That’s what love is, isn’t it? It’s that perfect unison between two people when the other person becomes like an extra finger.” – Ashton Kutcher, reflecting on his relationship with Demi Moore.
- “Christ did not come down from the cross.” – Pope John Paul II, explaining why he did not retire from the papacy in the face of severe physical and medical challenges.
- “We will talk to each other, and we will connect with each other, and we will weave the country together like a piece of cloth.” – A voter in Iraq, after that nation’s historic election.
- “I just told her to be safe, Godspeed, and go 500 miles.” – Bev Patrick, recalling her advice to her daughter, Danica, who became the first woman to lead a lap in the Indianapolis 500 and eventually finished fourth.
- “You can put your hand in the bucket and stir it up, but when you pull it out the water smooths down and it looks just like it did before. I think that’s true. Things will go on. Nobody’s indispensable.” – Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, on how the court will fare after she leaves.
- “I gave Iraq a finger, but it was the wrong one.” – Marine Joseph Roe, who lost an index finger to a bomb in Iraq.

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– Compiled by Antonio Brunetti



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The way the people of the U.S. came together to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.



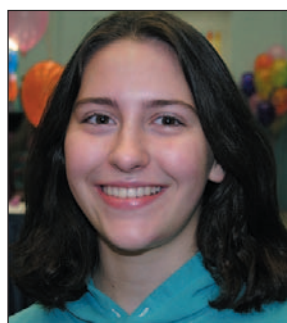
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When we met each other!



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How people came together worldwide to help with the disasters.



Abram Howell

My girlfriend.

Lights, Camera, Showtime!

Renovated Patch Theater reopens to rave reviews

By Hugh C. McBride

It turns out it was worth the wait after all. Some film fans were a bit flustered this summer when they learned that the Patch Theater would shut its doors for an extensive renovation project – but from the look of things during (and since) the theater's Dec. 23 grand reopening ceremony, any remaining angst had dissipated in the sun-splashed glass lobby or melted into the plush seats in the theater's viewing room.

Lee Muslin, general manager of the AAFES EUCOM region, said the community's response to the new facility has been impressive. "The first eight days of 2006 saw a 57-percent increase in attendance when compared with the same time period last year, and sales at the snack bar were up over 70 percent" Muslin said.

These numbers are significant not only because AAFES returns proceeds to the community via donations to Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs, but also because theater attendance during the first three months of 2006 will determine whether Stuttgart continues to get first-run, first-week films (see sidebar for more on this.)

"We're definitely moving in the right direction," Muslin said. "Now we just need to keep it up."

As U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander Col. Kenneth Juergens noted during the Dec. 23 ceremony, the just-completed renovation project was the theater's first upgrade of any significance since it was built in 1953.

And – with the exception of anyone who liked sitting in broken seats and having their view of the screen blocked by the head in front of them – the move from post-war to new millenium will likely be universally appreciated:

- With 394 plush, cup-holder-equipped seats in a tiered, "stadium seating" design, the theater provides a comfortable environment for watching the latest releases.
- A special entrance/exit and seating section provides a quality experience for disabled customers.
- A soundproof "cry room" gives parents of young children a room of their own with a great view of the screen.
- An enhanced "Reel Time Express" snack bar offers not only popcorn and sodas but also personal pan pizzas.

For more about the theater e-mail AAFES Restaurant Business Manager Thomas Gagnon at gagnont@aafes.com.

See films first on Patch

If you're a film fan in Stuttgart, it's not too early to start thinking about summer.

Summer 2006 is shaping up to be a blockbuster season: Superman and the X-Men will be returning to the big screen; Tom Cruise will be taking on another impossible mission, and Tom Hanks will be attempting to crack the Da Vinci code.

Stuttgart residents may be among the first members of the overseas military community to view these and other highly anticipated releases – but only if ticket sales in the first three months of the year demonstrate their support.

Since its Dec. 23 reopening, the Patch Theater has featured first-run, first-week releases. At the end of a 90-day trial period, AAFES will evaluate the Patch box office to determine if Stuttgart should continue to get a first look at future films.

"Theaters with the highest sales volume get first-run, first-week movies," said AAFES restaurant business manager Tom Gagnon.

– Hugh C. McBride



Family members now required to take antiterrorism training

By Hugh C. McBride

To paraphrase that old commercial about registering for the Selective Service, educating oneself about personal security is not only quick and easy – it's also mandatory.

According to U.S. European Command Operations Order 03-11, family members (ages 14 and above) are now required to complete the Department of Defense's online Antiterrorism Level I training program.

The training, which is available at <https://atlevel1.dtic.mil/at/>, is designed to ensure that service

members, civilian employees, contractors and family members have a heightened awareness of terrorism and are able to implement personal protective measures into their daily lives.

Training topics include the safe use of public transportation, personal safety when travelling and methods of identifying and reporting security threats.

For more about personal safety and force protection call the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Antiterrorism Office at 421-2860/civ. 0711-729-2860 or e-mail marc.palmer@us.army.mil.



Read more about antiterrorism training and other personal security issues in the next special edition of The Citizen.

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News & Notes

SCSC scholarships available

High school seniors and command-sponsored spouses are invited to apply now for a scholarship from the Stuttgart Community Spouses Club.

The selection criteria include academic achievement, a personal essay, community service, community leadership and work experience. Financial need isn't factored into award consideration.

The number and value of scholarships will be based on available funds, the number of applicants and the analysis of the application scores.

Application forms, detailed processing directions and scholarship eligibility requirements are available at www.stuttgart.army.mil

Applications must be submitted by Feb. 24. For more information e-mail scscscholarship@yahoo.com.

Gussy Goose sells Valentine roses

The Gussy Goose is taking orders for Valentine rose deliveries. Roses will be delivered to all four Stuttgart bases as well as limited surrounding areas. Orders must be received by Feb. 7. Color choices are red, white and pink. Roses are offered as bouquets of three, six, or 12.

For more information call 430-5270/civ. 0711-680-5270.

USO needs volunteers

• The Stuttgart USO is looking for **volunteers to escort tours**. Individuals must be able to drive a stick shift 8-passenger van. Van tours are usually in the surrounding area (within 2 hours of Stuttgart). This is an excellent opportunity to see Germany at no cost.

• The USO is also looking for **a person with expertise in Web site managing, e-mail and other computer issues** to help with frequent troubleshooting.

For more information call 430-5559/civ. 0711-680-5559 or visit the USO (Patch Barracks, Washington Center) Mondays to Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m..

Dental apprenticeship program

The American Red Cross and the Stuttgart Dental Clinic are working together to initiate a Dental Assistant Apprenticeship. This program is an excellent way to volunteer, gain skills, further your education, and learn a career.

For more information visit the Red Cross Office on Panzer Kaserne (building 2949) or call 431-2812/civ. 07031-15-2812.

All-Star hoops on Patch

The Patch Fitness Center will host an evening of All-Star basketball Jan. 20, starting at 5 p.m. The evening will include two games, a slam-dunk contest and a 3-point shootout. Admission is free.

For more information call 430-7136/civ. 0711-680-7136.

Childcare positions available

The Non-appropriated Fund Human Resources Office is accepting applications for the Patch, Kelley and Panzer Child Development centers.

Positions available include Child & Youth program assistants, regular full-time, regular part-time and flexible schedules. Starting pay is \$9.25 to \$11.32 per hour based on education and experience.

Benefits include training, automatic non-competitive promotions and discounts on child care. Positions are open to all qualified candidates eligible for appointment under U.S. employment conditions, transcripts are required.

For more information visit www.chra.eur.army.mil or call 421-2191/civ. 0711-729-2191.

Learn Tae Kwon Do on post

• The Patch Fitness Center now offers Tae Kwon Do Tuesdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m., for youth ages 4 to 12, and Thursdays, 5:30 to 7 p.m., for ages 13 and up.

• Classes are also offered in the **Robinson Barracks Fitness Center** Mondays, 5:30 to 7 p.m., for all ages.

Cost for classes is \$45 per month.

For more information call 430-7458/0711-680-7458.

Win A Harley from AAFES

Enter the Harley Sweepstakes Drawing (sponsored by Pizza Hut and AAFES New Car Sales) at the Robinson Barracks Pizza Hut. Other prizes include a large screen plasma TV and a pizza party for 25.

The contest runs through Feb. 12. For more information visit the RB Pizza Hut.

Got issues? Get AFAP!

Annual conference ensures community members' issues are heard, changes made

By Christine Castro

Have you recently benefited from the improved customer service offered by contracted vendors, the extended hours at the fitness centers or PCSd into the Stuttgart area and stayed in temporary lodging with pets?

Or maybe you are a recipient of one of many monetary improvements such as an 11 percent increase in Basic Allowance for Housing or the 25 percent increase for Family Separation Pay.

If you are a member of the military community, chances are the answer is yes, or you have been at the receiving end of any one of many other such changes. If so, you have the Army Family Action Plan to thank for it, and possibly the very members in your community, for voicing their issues.

Over the past fifteen years, Army Community Service has held an annual AFAP conference in military communities worldwide discussing issues identified by community members, which effect the quality of life for military families, not just in the Army, but in all services.

The AFAP process has resulted in 92 legislative changes, 143 Department of Defense

or Army Policy and regulatory changes and 153 new or improved programs or services.

How does it work?

Each year, community members submit issues that they believe are important in order to maintain good standards for a military community or to raise the quality of life.

These issues are reviewed by a local AFAP forum (consisting of active duty service members, Reservists, retirees, civilians and family members) at a conference such as the one that will be held in Stuttgart this year Feb. 10 in the Swabian Special Events Center on Patch Barracks.

Nintey-five percent of identified issues are retained and accomplished at local installation or garrison level.

Local commanders ensure that issues are worked to completion and resolved for the benefit of the community.

Issues that cannot be resolved at local levels are sent to a major command conference – in Europe, that is the Installation Mangement Agency Europe Region AFAP conference.

Should an issue go beyond the scope of IMA-E, it will be forwarded on to the Department of the Army level.

Finally, a board of key Army staff general officer and senior executive service represen-

How to submit your AFAP issues

- Pick up an issue submssion form from Stuttgart's Army Community Service Office (Patch Barracks, building 2307).
- E-mail your issue to jose.mundo@us.army.mil or afap@garmisch.army.mil.
- Submit issues via the Web at www.stuttgart.army.mil. Select Army Community Service, then click "Army Family Action Plan."

tatives known as the AFAP General Officer Steering Committee, semiannually reviews the status and progress of AFAP issues.

The steering committee is the final authority on the determination of whether AFAP issues have been resolved.

You can make a difference

Senior officers of the Army are not the only ones who can effect the quality of life for military communities.

An AFAP conference is only productive if there are issues do discuss and act upon.

Any individual who is a member of an Army community can be a part of the AFAP process, program coordinators say.

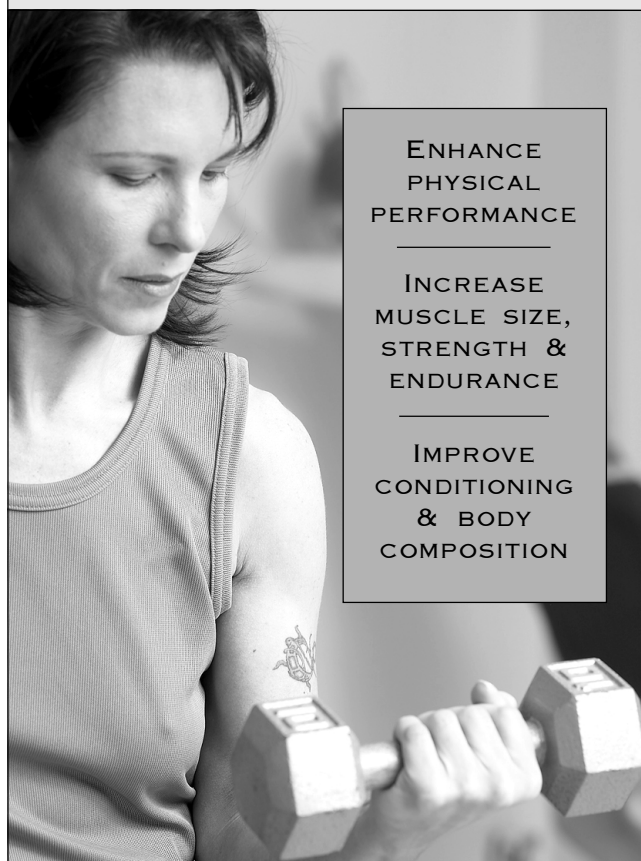
From improving and sustaining barracks' living conditions to increasing the maximum allowable benefit for orthodontic treatment from \$1,500 to \$2,000 to expanding teen employment options – just some of the issues to be discussed at this year's Army-level AFAP conference – AFAP issues have impact throughout communities.

USAGS ACS officials encourage community members to take a part and make a possitive difference in the local quality of life.

For more information about AFAP:

- Call Army Community Service (Stuttgart: 430-7176/civ. 0711-680-7176; Garmisch: 440-3777/civ. 08821-750-3777).
- Visit www.stuttgart.army.mil.
- Visit www.myarmylifetoo.com.

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Committee seeks 'notable nominees' from Stuttgart to honor during Women's History Month

By Terri Alejandro

For more than 25 years our nation has been celebrating Women's History Month each March.

When the National Women's History Project initiated the awareness efforts that led to Women's History Month, the accomplishments of women were not widely recognized in textbooks.

Few girls knew of any historical female role models they could emulate, and many Americans simply didn't know about the many notable women whose contributions have helped to make our nation great.

Every year, the Stuttgart community recognizes and celebrates the diverse and historic accomplishments of women during this month.

In the past, you may have attended a luncheon featuring a keynote speaker, browsed through a library display featuring female authors and prominent women in history, or stopped to look over an informational display.

To celebrate this year's theme, "Builders of Communities and Dreams," the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Women's History Month Committee is asking the members of our community to nominate local women to be recognized during the month of March.

Any woman residing in Stuttgart is eligible for recognition during the area's monthlong awareness campaign.

Tell us about the women who lead, mentor, motivate and inspire you every day – those who provide direction and focus and in the process enrich our community and our lives.

To nominate a notable woman, e-mail the following information to tomandterrishow@yahoo.com by Feb. 15:

- Nominee's full name (including title and rank if applicable)

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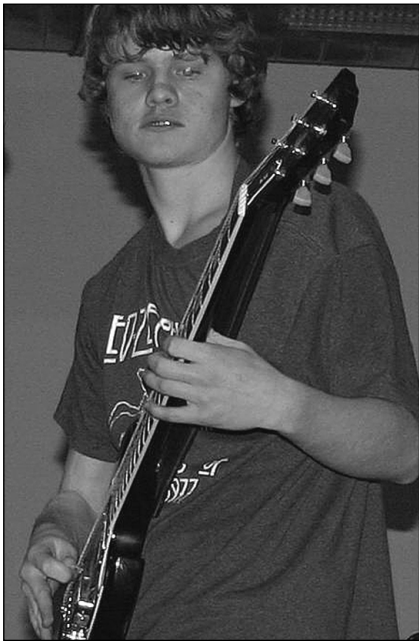
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- A brief summary describing this individual's contribution or impact
- Nominee's biographical information, if available
- Nominator's contact information (including day and evening telephone numbers)

Nominees will be honored through news articles and radio or television spots during the multimedia campaign presented by the USAGS Public Affairs Office and Women's History Month Committee.

In addition, five nominees will be selected to be guests on the Tom and Terri Show in March.

For more information call the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Public Affairs Broadcast Office at 421-2521/civ. 0711-421-2521.



photos by Antonio Brunetti

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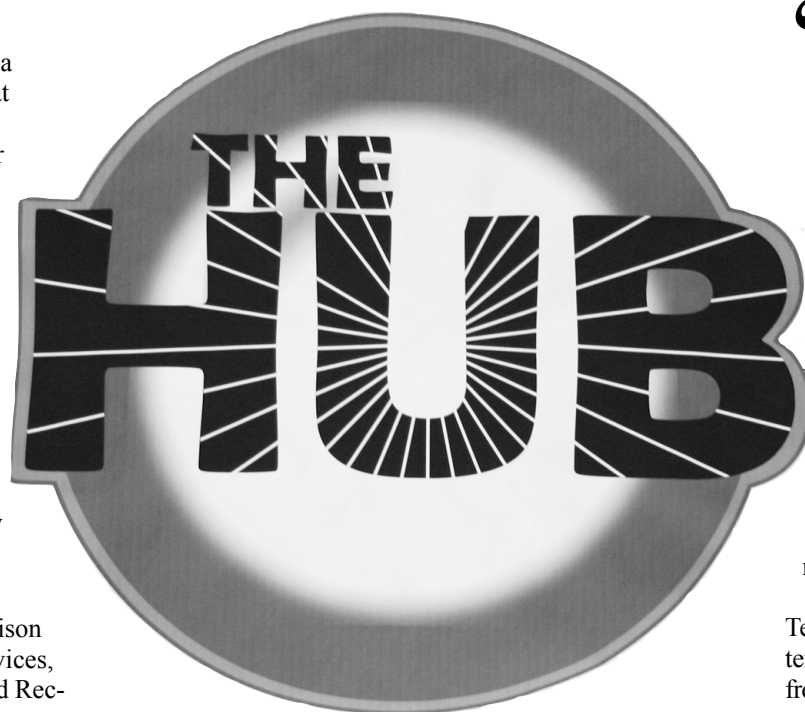
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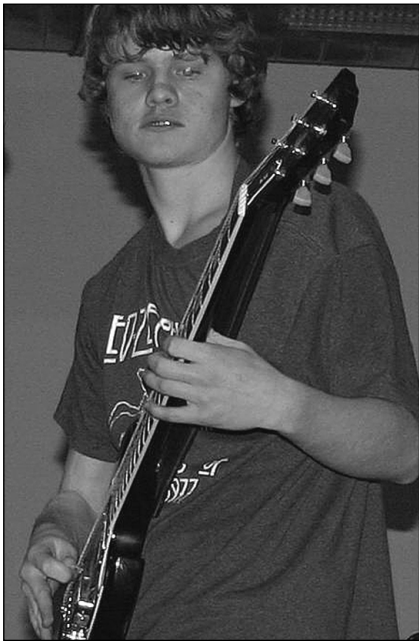
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Delegates at the December 2005 EUCOM Quality of Life Conference, held at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, listen attentively while a panel member discusses family issues.

—EUCOM Quality of Life Conference— Gathering gives community opportunity to be heard

Story & photo by Sue Ferrare

U.S. European Command's Quality of Life Conference was held at Garmisch's Edelweiss Lodge and Resort, Dec. 11 to 15 — only the second time the conference has convened since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks on the United States.

The purpose of the conference is to allow all individuals who are served by EUCOM to have a voice in their quality of life. "The delegates [at the conference] mirror all components of the people who we serve: service members, family, reservists, retirees, etc.," said Wayne C. Boswell, Chief of EUCOM's Quality of Life Branch. **'No ordinary conference'**

"This is no ordinary conference," said Bill Carr, Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. "These delegates are here to get things done. The delegates come with, and focus on, clear ideas that we can act on, and act on soon."

This is the reason Carr chooses to attend the conference, he said. He also said that he has seen issues that were brought up last year being worked on and resolved.

Even when issues are resolved, the EUCOM Quality of Life team makes sure that they are resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

"This gives us the opportunity to talk about the solutions. We want the delegates to be very much involved in the effort of finding solutions," said Col. Patricia Mulcahy, director of EUCOM's Manpower, Personnel and Administration directorate.

"We are not so rigid with the pro-

cess. We even reopened some old issues," she said. "On the first day, we went over the old issues from last year."

Mulcahy explained that this allowed EUCOM to rearrange the priority of the old issues and decide whether new issues are now more important. The old issues was the topic of the first session.

On the other days of the conference, delegates sat in on a session where they got a chance to hear top military leaders and subject matter experts discuss important issues such as the impact of transformation or community and family support.

Solution-based focus

Boswell explained what happened after that. "[The delegates] are placed into focus groups where they review the issues, identify new issues, scope out the challenge and problems, and come up with solutions," he said. "Every day they refine this process of coming up with questions and possible solutions."

When the issues are decided they are prioritized by the steering committee, Boswell said.

Although the steering committee chooses only a few issues to be prioritized, "they keep the rest of the 400 or so issues in the database so that they can work on them as the occasion arises," said Boswell.

Boswell said one of the main reasons the conference is important is that it identifies the challenges that the program has and helps EUCOM provide better quality of life for service members.

"We want to provide them services that are equal or better than Stateside," he said.

Top issues from the QOL conference

- Improve child care services, including remote area child care costs and staff shortages.

- Improve understanding and communication of anti-terrorism and force protection measures, plans and procedures for family members.

- Distribute timely force protection information.

- Provide better access to mental health counselors

- Increase family member dental treatment benefits.

- Improve insufficient acute, routine, and specialty medical appointments.

- Remedy inequities in retirement and disability pay.



photos by Sue Ferrare
U.S. Army Garrison Garmisch Manager Greg Holzinger and his wife, Jolanta, greet attendees at the annual Christmas reception at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort.

Garmisch residents celebrate holidays with traditional German-American celebration

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Nestled in the shadows of Garmisch-Partenkirchen's snowy peaks, the Armed Forces Recreation Center's Edelweiss Lodge and Resort is an almost storybook locale in which to celebrate the holiday season.

As they do every December, about 150 members of Garmisch's German and U.S. communities gathered in the Edelweiss Dec. 17 in celebration of both the holiday season and the area's traditionally rich cross-cultural friendship.

The warmth generated by the celebration was especially appreciated this year, as the gathering took place on one of the area's snowiest days of the winter.

But, though more than one meter of the white stuff fell across the city in the hours leading up to the celebration, attendees were not dissuaded from travelling to Sheridan Kaserne for what has become one of the highlights of the local German-American social scene.

The event, hosted by U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander, Col. Kenneth Juergens, was an opportunity for members of the U.S. military community not only to spend an evening with their German friends and neighbors, but also to thank them for their continued camaraderie and support.

Befitting the international nature of the evening, in addition to Juergens's welcoming remarks, the event also featured speeches by U.S. Army Garrison Garmisch Manager Greg Holzinger and Garmisch-Partenkirchen First Mayor Thomas Schmid.

For more about U.S. Army Garrison Garmisch visit www.garmisch.army.mil.



Thomas Schmid

Year in News

A new pope, an historic election and a devastating hurricane were among the many triumphs and tragedies that comprised 2005. The following is a brief review of some of the national and international events that shaped the world we lived in during the previous year.

January

- **Jan. 20** – George W. Bush, who defeated John Kerry in the November presidential election, is sworn in for his second term.

February

- **Feb. 10** – North Korea makes its first formal declaration that it has nuclear weapons, and also announces that it will not participate in disarmament talks.

- **Feb. 16** – With players and owners unable to reach an agreement on a salary cap, National Hockey League Commissioner Gary Bettman announces the cancellation of the 2004-2005 season.

March

- **March 16** – The 275 members of the newly elected Iraqi National Assembly meet for the first time.

- **March 31** – Terri Schiavo dies 13 days after her feeding tube had been removed, ending a seven-year legal battle over the right of her husband to have the tube removed.

April

- **April 2** – Pope John Paul II dies, ending a 26-year reign (the third-longest tenure among the Catholic Church's 264 popes). Seventeen days later, Cardinal John Ratzinger, who was born in Bavaria, is elected to lead the church. Ratzinger chooses the name Pope Benedict XVI.

May

- **May 23** – Tom Cruise raises eyebrows (and some concern) with a frenzied couch-jumping, love-declaring appearance on the Oprah Winfrey show. On June 17, Cruise proposes to Katie Holmes (the subject of his Oprah outburst) atop Paris's Eiffel Tower.

June

- **June 13** – A California jury finds pop singer Michael Jackson not guilty on 10 charges, including molesting a child and providing alcohol to a minor.

July

- **July 2** – Millions attend, watch or listen to free "Live 8" concerts in nine nations. The effort – which features more than 1,000 musicians and is broadcast on 182 television networks and 2,000 radio stations, is designed to promote increased aid to Africa.

- **July 7** – Four suicide bombers detonate explosives on three underground trains and a double-decker bus in London, killing 52 and injuring more than 700.

August

- **Aug. 25** – Hurricane Katrina makes landfall north of Miami, Fla. Four days later, it breaches the levee system surrounding New Orleans, La., causing historic devastation to that renowned city.

September

- **Sept. 3** – U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist, 80, dies after 35 years on the court. Twenty-six days later, John Roberts is sworn in as the new chief justice.

October

- **Oct. 8** – More than 50,000 are killed – and an estimated 2.5 million are left homeless – when a magnitude 7.6 earthquake hits the Pakistani-controlled section of Kashmir.

- **Oct. 19** – The trial of Saddam Hussein for the 1982 massacre of 150 Shiites begins in Baghdad.

November

- **Nov. 8** – In an attempt to end days of intense rioting in and around Paris, France declares a state of emergency for only the second time in 50 years.

December

- **Dec. 15** – Millions of Iraqis vote in parliamentary elections, the first held under the nation's new constitution, which was written by national assembly members who had been elected in January.



Staff Sgt. James Harper Jr. (Army News Service)

Spc. Kyle Shelton of the 23rd Infantry Regiment, 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, searches for insurgents Nov. 28 in Mosul, Iraq. 2005 proved to be a challenging one for U.S. troops in Iraq, but highlights of the year included a new Iraqi constitution and historic parliamentary elections.



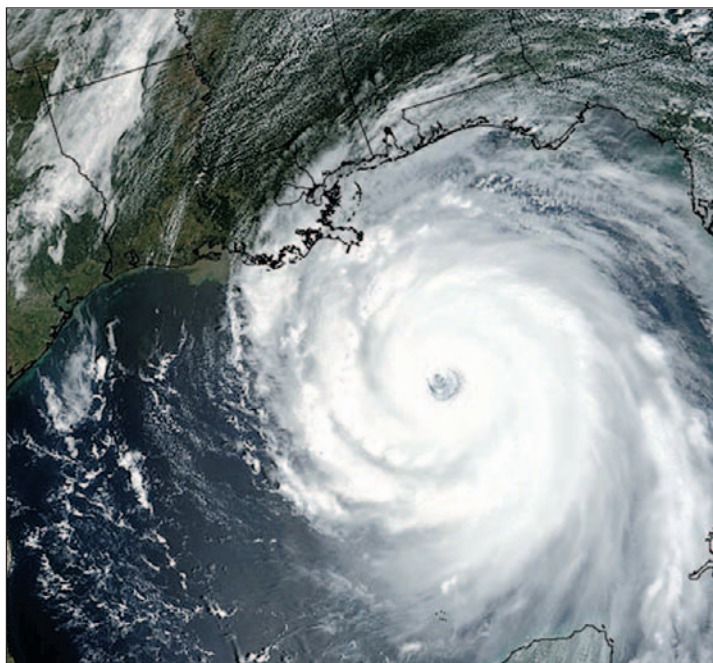
Donna Lou Morgan (Army News Service)

Master Sgt. James Hicks, a fifer with the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, practices for the Jan. 20 inauguration of President George W. Bush.



Eric Draper (White House)

From left, President George W. Bush, Laura Bush, former presidents George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton, and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice pay their respects to Pope John Paul II April 6.



www.nasa.gov

After hitting Florida a few days earlier, Hurricane Katrina – now a category 5 storm – prepares to make landfall again in the southern United States Aug. 28.



Pfc. William Servinski II (White House)

An Iraqi woman submits her vote in Baghdad Dec. 15 in the first election for a permanent parliamentary government.

Timeline: A look back at 2005 in Stuttgart & Garmisch

Jan. 21

The service members of Headquarters, Special Operations Command, Europe, celebrate the command's 50th anniversary with an establishment ceremony in the Patch Fitness Center.

"The men and women of SOCEUR ... have been charged with defending the constitution and defeating our enemies," said SOCEUR Commander Brig. Gen. Thomas Csmko. "We will not tire, we will not falter and we will not fail."

SOCEUR came into existence Jan. 22, 1955, in Paris.

The command relocated onto Stuttgart's Panzer Kaserne in 1967, and moved into its present home on Patch Barracks in 1983.



Melanie Casey

March 7

The Scouts of Stuttgart's Pack 6 celebrate the 75th anniversary of Cub Scouting with a "Blue and Gold Banquet" in the Swabian Special Events Center.

In addition to commemorating three-quarters of a century of scouting, the event also serves to recognize local Scouts for their participation in a wide range of activities and educational opportunities.

"The motto for Cub Scouts isn't 'be the best,' it's 'do your best,' Brig. Gen. Richard Mills told the Scouts. "As long as you're trying and as long as you're participating, you're doing what all great Scouts do."

Added Pack 44 Cubmaster Dale Hutchinson. "No program in history has had the far-reaching effect on American youth as has Cub Scouts."



Hugh C. McBride

Aug. 5

Col. Kenneth G. Juergens takes command of the 6th Area Support Group during an afternoon ceremony on Kelley Barracks's Cooper Field.

"The 6th Area Support Group has a marvelous reputation and I intend to build on that during my tenure," Juergens says during the ceremony. "I consider it a great honor to command this organization."



Hugh C. McBride

Sept. 17

As they have for more than four decades, members of Garmisch's U.S. military and German communities unite at the Keans Lodge for an afternoon of competition and cross-cultural camaraderie.

Shooters of all ages – joined by those who just came to watch, cheer, and enjoy a delicious lunch on the lodge patio – help ensure the event's success.

When the final results are tallied, Martin Leismuller is declared the event's winner.



Drew Benson

Oct. 13

The 6th Area Support Group and Area Support Team Garmisch become U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart and U.S. Army Garrison Garmisch, respectively, during a Europe-wide redesignation ceremony on Heidelberg's Campbell Barracks.



Hugh C. McBride

Oct. 22

Exercise Stallion Shake 2005, a weeklong evaluation of force protection in Stuttgart, ends with a daylong event on Robinson Barracks. Responding to a simulated terror attack, U.S. military and German personnel work together to improve community security.

Jan. 21

March Madness comes early to Stuttgart, as the area's top unit-level players face off in the inaugural "Night of the Stars" in the Patch Fitness Center.

The night features 32 athletes, two games, a 3-point shootout and a slam-dunk contest.



Hugh C. McBride

Jan. 27

Members of the Stuttgart and Garmisch military communities gather in the Swabian Special Events Center for the area's annual Army Family Action Plan Conference.

The daylong affair allows individuals to identify quality-of-life concerns, propose solutions, and present their results to area leaders.

Feb. 4

In conjunction with National Wear Red Day, Patch High School and the Stuttgart Wellness Center team to teach students about heart disease.

March 2

Stuttgart residents celebrate decades of German-American friendship during a ceremony to mark the 30th anniversary of the

city's chapter of the United Services Organization. Representatives of the host city and the U.S. military attend the event.

March 12 & 13

Powerderhounds young and old from throughout Europe converge on Garmisch for the Chrysler 2005 U.S. Forces Ski & Snowboard Championships.



Jen Stephan

May 14

U.S. European Command hosts eight World War II veterans who served with the U.S. Army's famed 100th Division. The "Century Division" liberated more than 400 cities during the war.



Hugh C. McBride

May 16

"Feedback" defeats five other groups to claim top honors at Patch High School's second annual Battle of the Bands.

June 11

Medal of Honor recipient John F. Baker (who earned the military's highest honor while serving in Vietnam) spends a week in Stuttgart and is the honored guest at the area's June 11 Army Ball in Sindelfingen.



Hugh C. McBride

Aug 21 to Sept. 3

Installation Management Agency Europe Region sponsors Operation Purple Camp, a weeklong adventure for children of deployed service members, in Garmisch.

When not engaged in activities such as rock climbing, white water rafting, orienteering, arts and crafts, computers and karaoke, campers reside in the Armed Forces Recreation Center's Edelweiss Hotel and Resort on Sheridan Kaserne.



Brandon Beach

Oct. 24

Construction starts on a 140,000 square-foot AAFES retail complex on Panzer Kaserne. The facility is expected to open by Thanksgiving 2006.



Christine Castro

Feb. 19

Twenty-seven members of the Stuttgart-based 554th Military Police Company return to Panzer Kaserne in the predawn hours following an 11-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Initially stationed near Baghdad (where they completed recovery missions and convoy escorts), the MPs also trained Iraqi police forces on Talil Air Base and participated in humanitarian aid missions.



courtesy 554th MP Co.

April

Stuttgart and Garmisch residents turn their attention toward the youngest community members during April's Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month campaigns.

Parenting seminars, teen fitness classes, child safety instruction and a weeklong interactive theater experience are among the highlights of the month.

In Stuttgart, the observances culminate in KidsFest, a three-hour extravaganza on Patch Barracks that features games and educational activities, an art contest, a puppet show and a variety of other displays and activities.



Leslie Cervantez



courtesy PHS girls' soccer

After a rare absence from the title spot in 2004, the PHS girls' soccer team reclaims the

Oct. 4 DoDDS Division II championship with a 1-0 victory over Naples in the title game.

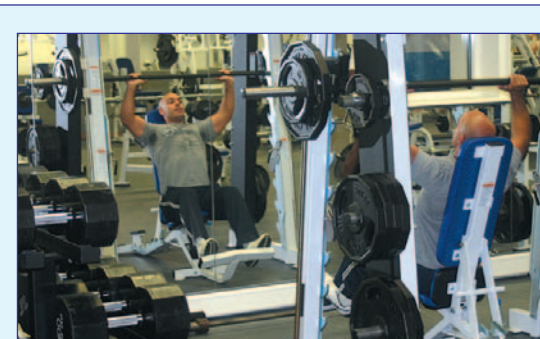
Sept. 9

The award-winning Patch Barracks Fitness Center officially re-opens following a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house.

Community members enjoy free aerobics classes and complimentary healthy food

and sports drinks on the facility's first day following an extensive renovation.

Improvements continue in the facility, as Oct. 14 marks the debut of the relocated Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine Clinic.



Terri Allgandro

Dec. 15

More than 60 years after they were abandoned into a mass grave in the dying days of World War II, the remains of 34 Holocaust victims are laid to rest with dignity during a ceremony on the Stuttgart Army Airfield in Echterdingen.

More than 300 individuals – including representatives of the U.S. military, the city of Echterdingen and the state of Israel – attend the ceremony.



Hugh C. McBride

Dec. 2

Stuttgart welcomes the holiday season with Winterfest, one of five celebrations in Stuttgart and Garmisch.



Maj. Anthony Black

Dec. 23

A mere six months after closing for a massive renovation project, the Patch Theater re-opens with a triple feature that includes the European debut of *The Chronicles of Narnia*.



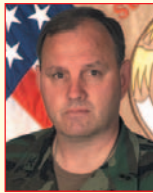

2005 News Quiz

How closely were you paying attention during the past 12 months?

Section I: Local

1. The Kelley Hotel was selected best in the Army for the ____ time in five years.
a) first b) second c) third d) fourth

2. Gen. David McKiernan replaced Gen. B.B. Bell as commander of ____.
a) U.S. European Command c) U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart
b) U.S. Army, Europe d) U.S. Special Operations Command, Europe

3. Identify the following Europe-based leaders with their titles.
a)  b)  c)  d) 

i. Supreme Allied Commander, Europe iii. Director, IMA-Europe
ii. Deputy Commander, EUCOM iv. Commander, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart

4. Patch High School won the DoDDS European championship in girls ____.
a) golf b) soccer c) softball d) volleyball
5. The Department of Defense Dependents Schools announced that the 2006-2007 school year will feature the addition of two new ____ in Stuttgart.
a) elementary schools c) junior high schools
b) middle schools d) high schools

6. In August, ground was broken on Panzer Kaserne for a new ____.
a) shopping center b) swimming pool c) rifle range d) gas station

7. Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Barbary became the senior enlisted Solider for ____.
a) EUCOM c) SOCEUR
b) DISA d) USAGS


8. Young students in Garmisch got out of school to ____ every "Wonderful Wednesday."
a) swim b) study c) ski d) sleep

9. All area support groups and base support battalions in Europe were renamed ____.
a) Army garrisons b) DoD installations c) Military posts





10. (T/F) The Patch Theater, Patch Fitness Center and Stuttgart Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Clinic all received new or upgraded facilities in 2005.

** Bonus: How long was the Patch Theater closed for renovation?*

Section II: National

1. _____, the first female Supreme Court justice, announced her retirement in 2005.
a) Ruth Bader Ginsburg b) Sandra Day O'Connor c) Harriet Meirs
2. "Deep Throat," the famous Watergate figure, was revealed to have been _____.
a) G. Gordon Liddy b) W. Mark Felt c) J. Edgar Hoover d) H. Rap Brown
3. Identify the following leaders of the U.S. military:
a)  b)  c)  d) 
- i. Gen. B.B. Bell ii. Gen. David McKiernan
iii. Gen. Peter Pace iv. Gen. Peter Schoomaker
4. The winner of the 2004 Academy Award for Best Picture was _____.
a) Million Dollar Baby c) Ray
b) Sideways d) Finding Neverland
5. Danica Patrick recorded the best performance by a female in the _____.
a) Boston Marathon b) U.S. Open c) Indy 500 d) Daytona 500
6. New York Times reporter _____ was sent to jail after refusing to testify before a grand jury investigating the disclosure of the identity of CIA operative Valerie Plame.
a) Maureen Dowd b) Ann Coulter c) Arianna Huffington d) Judith Miller
7. A book by _____ helped spark a congressional investigation into steroids in pro sports.
a) Jose Castillo c) Jose Canseco
b) Jose-Maria Olazabal d) Jose Cruz
8. The body of civil rights icon _____, who died at age 92, lay in state in the U.S. Capitol.
a) Ralph Abernathy b) Rosa Parks c) Medgar Evers d) Malcolm Little
9. Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz left DoD to lead the _____.
a) State Department b) Red Cross c) World Bank d) Federal Reserve
10. (T/F) President Bush fired FEMA Director Michael Brown following the lackluster response to Hurricane Katrina.
- * Bonus: Who replaced Tom Ridge as Secretary of Homeland Security?*

Section III: International

1. _____ became Germany's first female chancellor.
a) Astrid Mendes b) Angela Merkel c) Ariel Melton d) Anez Mündina
2. The president of ____ called for the destruction of Israel and claimed that the Holocaust was a "myth."
a) Iraq b) Iran c) Syria d) Jordan
3. Identify each of the following world leaders:
a)  b)  c)  d) 
- i. Kofi Annan iii. Jacques Chirac
ii. Tony Blair iv. Ariel Sharon
4. Pope Benedict XVI was born John Ratzinger and grew up near ____.
a) Berlin b) Stuttgart c) Köln d) Munich
5. _____ became U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.
a) John Bolton b) Colin Powell c) Samuel Alito d) Paul Bremer
6. The deaths of two boys who were accidentally killed while hiding from police spark days of riots in and around _____.
a) Los Angeles b) Warsaw c) Paris d) Baghdad
7. Tony Blair became the first member of the Labour Party to be elected to a ____ term as prime minister of the United Kingdom.
a) second b) third c) fourth d) fifth
8. The 2012 Summer Olympic Games were awarded to _____.
a) New York b) London
c) Paris d) Berlin
9. American Lance Armstrong won his _____ consecutive Tour de France.
a) 5th b) 6th c) 7th d) 8th
10. (T/F) Kuwaiti women won the right to vote in 2005.
- * Bonus: Who won golf's 2005 British Open?*

Section I Answers	Section II Answers	Section III Answers
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2: b 5: b 7: d 9: a	2: b 5: c 7: c 9: c	2: b 5: a 7: b 9: c
3: a-iii, b-i, c-iv, d-ii 10: T	3: a-iii, b-ii, c-i, d-iv 10: F	3: a-iv, b-i, c-iii, d-ii 10: T

Bonus Answers	Score
I: Six months	30-33: Nothing got by you in 2004!
II: Michael Chertoff	26-29: Nice job – and room to improve in 2005.
III: Tiger Woods	25 & below: Did you read a paper last year?

— U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart — National Prayer Breakfast

*Patch Community Club
February 9
7 to 8:30 a.m.*

Guest speaker

*Chaplain Brig. Gen. Doug Carver
(Deputy Army Chief of Chaplains)*

Music

*Jennifer Buxkemper &
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Patch Panorama

PHS video production students air on AFN

Story and photos by Brandon Beach

Eighth-grader Victoria Harvey prepares for her 10 a.m. interview with Patch High School drama teacher Elizabeth Casciaro.

Sitting under a flood of lights and cameras, Harvey peers into one of the many television consoles that dot the PHS video production studio and adjusts her collar.

The 12-year old anchor, who says she sometimes gets "a little nervous and my ears turn bright pink" when the cameras are live, looks collected this Dec. 13 morning as she rehearses her list of questions and pauses to enunciate words like "thespian" and "dramatization."

On the periphery of the makeshift studio, seventh-grader Seth Stevens rotates the tilt on camera A and zooms in on the spot soon to be occupied by Casciaro.

"A lot of things go into operating a camera," said Stevens. "I have to make sure the picture is in focus and that the shot is framed right."

Harvey and Stevens are just two of many PHS students taking part in the school's new media project, Patch Panorama.

First aired on American Forces Network Dec. 1, the two-and-a-half minute video segment, highlighting school-related news and activities, is entirely scripted, filmed and edited by students of PHS's video production classes.

"This is the first time a school has been aired on AFN in this manner," said video production teacher Walter Fritz. "It's a mosaic of what's happening at the school."

The first spot featured a report on Lindsay Davenport, currently the women's number one ranked tennis player, and her visit to PHS this past October.

Competing in the Porsche Tennis Invitation, which is held every year in nearby Filderstadt, Davenport found time between matches to meet members of the PHS tennis team and sign autographs.

"Mr. Fritz got us passes to go in the press tent," said senior Kim Vroegindeway, who has played on the varsity women's tennis team the last two years. "We got to meet the players and watch a press interview. It was a lot of fun."

Armed with tripods, cameras and microphones, the video production team followed Davenport every step, from modeling a textbook backhand on Patch Barracks one sunny afternoon to smashing her way into the finals en route to her third consecutive tournament victory.

"I'm just thrilled the kids are involved in this," said PHS principal Susan Page, "and that they get this kind of exposure."

Since PHS's December launch onto primetime, two other Department of Defense Dependent high schools, Heidelberg and Mannheim, have signed on to air their own school-related clips on AFN.

High-tech studio

On any given day, the video production studio, located in the school's basement level, is guaranteed to be teeming with creative activity.

More than 20 televisions hang from the ceiling streaming everything from Patch's in-house news program, Patch TV, broadcast daily around 9:30 a.m., to live CNN footage.

Computers, such as Macintosh G4's and Imacs, line the wall equipped with the latest



This is the first time a school has been aired on AFN in this manner.

Walter Fritz
PHS Video Production Teacher



[Above] PHS drama teacher Elizabeth Casciaro (left) and video production student Victoria Harvey rehearse their interview. The Patch Panorama spots, the first of which aired Dec. 1, are scripted, filmed and edited entirely by PHS video production students.

[Left] A video production student adjusts her camera lens shortly before recording, to ensure a well-framed shot.

in editing software. Cameras, tripods and lighting accessories stand poised and ready in the far corner.

The room is a perfect example of hands-on learning and is always buzzing with activity.

Students constantly shuffle in and out of the studio carrying an assortment of video equipment, either fresh from a shoot or scouting out their next location.

One particular video team, comprised of eighth-graders Latoya Jones, Tyler Vaughn and Lauren Tannenbaum, is huddled around a computer re-editing a "hiccup" they discovered in their 45-second video yearbook commercial.

Their segment trails a typical student "dweeb," played by Vaughn, who just can't seem to get his hands on a school yearbook and is thwarted at every corner from seizing the precious journal.

Part of a class assignment, the commercial will not only spell out hopefully a passing grade for the group but will also air on Patch TV.

The class has encouraged at least one student in the group to shoot for a storybooked Hollywood career.

"I want to be a movie director," said Jones, adding, "or maybe a lawyer. I haven't decided."

Down the hall at the bottom of the stair-

well, junior Lauren Duke moves a light attached atop a tripod a few inches to the left to remove the shadows that have interfered with her group's public announcement shoot.

Behind the camera lens, Nickolas Quinn, also a junior, zooms in on the top of the stairs, where actor Adam Rhodes, a disheveled ninth-grader on this day, will soon stumble down en route to his next class.

"He's our drug addict," said Duke, now in her second year of video production classes. "We want to say that you shouldn't use drugs at school."

In another editing room, skateboard enthusiast Zach Rideout, a ninth-grader at PHS, adds a slow motion effect to his public service announcement on skateboard safety using the program imovie.

To an outsider, with so many projects running simultaneously, the school's basement level might look like chaos at first glance, but Fritz's approach to hands-on learning and self-initiative just seems to work.

"I was in the States, and they didn't have nearly the equipment and opportunities we have here," said Harvey. "I'm handling the equipment, interviewing people and I love it."

Next up on AFN

In preparation for filming, eighth-grader

Chelsea Kaufman readies herself at the MX1 switchboard, while seventh-grader Grant Ewing, the sound operator, makes sure he doesn't hear any static in the microphones.

Three camera operators hit the record buttons, and just like clockwork the interview begins.

In addition to the Casciaro clip, the second installment of Patch Panorama will feature a clip about PHS's annual pumpkin drop contest, an event organized by the school's physics classes.

Taking place high above Patch Elementary School, the contest requires students to design a box to withstand the impact of a ripe pumpkin dropped from a distance of 100 feet.

Alongside the many pumpkin parts that littered the sidewalk, Fritz's video production team made sure it captured every splattered attempt on film.

Patch Panorama can be seen on post on AFN Atlantic. Individuals living off post can access the segments on Channel 15 with an AFN decoder and satellite.

To view all the clips online visit www.afn.net. Click "News," then "School News Showcase."

Career Practicum

PHS prepares students for the workforce

By Christine Castro

Molding students into future entrepreneurs, business leaders and politicians is such an important focus of education that some cities in the United States host a program where fifth and sixth graders spend a day running a simulated city.

In Stuttgart, Patch High School's cooperative work experience program, called Career Practicum, gives students the experience of the real world before they graduate.

CP is offered to 11th and 12th graders to give them opportunities to learn skills required to enter the professional world and to provide them with tools to become successful.

With CP, students have the opportunity to obtain paid on-the-job work experience in a professional environment while they receive credit for school. And offices and organizations in the community reap the benefits from employing a motivated student.

Benefits, present and future

U.S. European Command's Humanitarian Assistance Branch is one such office, having had students employed in the office for the past four years.

"We look forward to all of our students; they are a tremendous help and asset to the office," said Maj. Rich Fillman, Humanitarian and Civic Assistance program manager.

"They have taken the administrative workload off the managers, which has allowed us to execute our mission more completely," said Fillman.

Fillman said that students such as current student employee Paul Mattox make invaluable contributions.

For example, Fillman said that student employees developed an electronic records database that offers reach-back capability into all the office's operations records.

Computer knowledge and dedication to the job were required to complete the task, which required many hours of scanning and organizing documents and photos.

Formerly, these records were maintained as hard copies, which made accessing a particular record time consuming.

Now, Fillman said, a country's records can be located in seconds. "If the office would have systematically tried to do what [the students] did, it would have taken us years to ac-

complish," he said.

The EUCOM History Office is another office that benefits from employing a CP student part-time.

"We have had a [CP] student for the past two years and it has been a real asset in our office," said Pam Bullock, archivist with the office.

CP students such as student archivist Anne Temme perform many clerical and administrative duties, freeing staff members for more in-depth tasks, Bullock said.

"We would have many things that would not get done if it were not for our student," she said.

How does it work?

Prior to entering the work force, CP students receive ten hours of in-class instruction where they research various careers, write a resume, learn how to interview and to learn the responsibilities of employees and employers.

Later in the class, the students will be given an understanding of how to read pay stubs and general information about taxes and other employment-related knowledge.

After completing an application packet, students receive program guidelines and sign an agreement that sets them on their way to a school-to-career experience.

Students then have the opportunity to interview with prospective employers from organizations including the Defense Information Systems Agency, EUCOM, AAFES and Defense Commissary Agency.

Students typically work for their organizations in three-hour blocks once or twice a week.

Previous CP students have served as engineering aides, postal aides, deli workers, childcare assistants, television production workers, Web site managers, retail clerks, health/dental clinic assistants, and office/clerical support personnel.

We look forward to all of our students; they are a tremendous help and asset to our office. They have taken the administrative workload off the managers, which has allowed us to execute our mission more effectively.

Maj. Rich Fillman
U.S. European Command

Employers provide a timesheet and evaluation to CP coordinators, which report students' progress and performance in the work place, to include punctuality and attitude.

These and other considerations are taken into account when determining the students' letter grade for the class.

As students obtain employment skills and work experience in real working conditions, they develop an understanding and appreciation for co-workers, customers and the entire work environment.

Students are required to take the CP course for at least two class periods for one semester, receiving a half a credit per class per semester — but they often elect to take the class for the entire year.

Program coordinators and teachers Bill Branson and Winnie Zekel have found that students receive considerable benefits from their work experiences—among other improvements, their motivation for their academic work increases, and they develop better self-concepts.

"This program affords [students] an opportunity they may not otherwise have on their own," Bullock said. "It helps our kids get a foot in the door to a real office and obtain some practical hands-on experience."

For more information about Career Practicum call 430-8639/7191/civ. 0711-680-8639/7191 or e-mail winifred.zekel@eu.dodea.edu or bill.branson@eu.dodea.edu.

Middle School Update

Renovation work underway

Patch High School Release

Renovation work to construct new classroom space for the middle schools began over the holiday break. At Boeblingen School a wall was taken out and a science prep room is being constructed between the two new science rooms.

All classrooms designated for the middle schools are receiving a facelift. Along with new lighting in the science rooms at Boeblingen all rooms will get new carpet and flooring.

"It is great to see that the project has begun," said Duane Werner, PHS vice principal in charge of the transition.

New lighting and flooring will also be installed in the middle school section at Robinson Barracks. Along with the new paint, the renovation of the cabinetry, and the addition of blinds, all of the classrooms at both middle schools will feature built in technology.

Interactive SmartBoards, ceiling-mounted in-focus projectors and wall-mounted televisions will enable students and teachers to use a variety of technology as part of their lessons.

"We have already integrated some of the new technology into the classrooms, the COWS [computers on wheels] have arrived and as soon

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as they are imaged we will get them in use too," Werner said.

"Along with the SmartBoards we will have a cadre of students and teachers who are familiar with the use of the technology and I see them as 'peer coaches' for next year," he added.

The anticipated date for completion of the renovation is the end of April to mid May.

"I will be anxious to see the schools when they are finished," Werner said. "We will be planning a day for the middle schoolers to do a walk through before school is out — I think they will be as excited as I am".

For more about the middle schools visit www.bav-dso.eu.dodea.edu. Click "Schools," then "Stuttgart Middle School."



Stuttgart students honored for patriotic speeches, essays

Six Patch High School students were honored for their patriotic writing and speaking skills during a Jan. 11 ceremony in the PHS Forum.

Christian Jarrard, Stephanie Guffy and Jessica Corpus (shown above, left to right, with Bob Gambert of Stuttgart's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10810) finished first, second and third, respectively, in the local VFW's Patriot's Pen essay competition.

Jade Trainor, Andrew Bessler and Brittany Morris took the top three places in the Voice of Democracy speech contest.



Voice of Democracy 2005 winners — Jade Trainor (1st Place, above left); Andrew Bessler (2nd, above right) and Brittany Morris (3rd, left)

Avian Flu Planning Conference

EUCOM, partners prepare for pandemic

Story and photo by Brandon Beach

The U.S. European Command's conference on pandemic avian influenza could not have been more timely.

At the onset of the five-day conference, as U.S. State Department medical experts, Department of Defense planners, business leaders and host nation representatives converged Jan. 9 to 13 in Stuttgart to prepare for the likelihood of an influenza pandemic, the World Health Organization confirmed that three children in eastern Turkey had died of the bird flu virus in the past week.

The children are the first human cases outside of southeast Asia to contract the deadly H5N1 strain.

"The focus at this time is on a pandemic influenza potential that is very much real," said State Dept. official Katherine Bliss of the Office of International Health Affairs.

Medical experts warn that a pandemic, or a worldwide outbreak of the virus, could arise should the H5N1 strain mutate and develop the capacity to spread easily between people.

The threat of avian influenza lies in this potential to change its genetic makeup and to be unfamiliar to the human immune system. That is the scenario that makes scientists and world leaders concerned about the H5N1 strain.

In its current form, the virus occurs mainly in birds and cannot be transmitted from human to human.

Three flu pandemics have occurred in the 20th century, most recently the Hong Kong flu of 1968 and 69, which caused 34,000 deaths in the United States and 70,000 worldwide.

An operational concern

"From our perspective, this is not a medical issue we are confronting," said Rear Adm. Richard K. Gallagher of EUCOM, who served as the keynote speaker on the opening day proceedings. "It's an operational one."

EUCOM is making sure that, should a pandemic environment occur, none of its mission-essential operations will go infringed.

Event attendees stressed the notion that planning for pandemic flu is much more than a health issue – citing issues raging from host-nation relations, logistics, Status of Forces Agreement implications and the impact on mission readiness.

Military planners are particularly interested in possible restrictions to troop movement that might occur within the borders of a nation combating an outbreak.

"Any restriction to troop movement is a major concern to our force readiness," said Col. John Metz of EUCOM.



Rear Adm. Richard K. Gallagher keynoted the conference Jan. 9 on Kelley Barracks.

Factors such as border closures, restricted air travel and quarantine measures could all impact the military's ability to conduct its operations, while at the same time protecting its service members and their families overseas.

The planning process starts with understanding international agreements and building a dialogue between military leaders and their host nation counterparts.

"We need host nation support to solve this potential threat," said Lt. Col. Ron Sanders, lead project officer for EUCOM's pandemic influenza response team.

"It's an environment we will have to operate in, and we have no choice," said Sanders. "The planners in [Washington] D.C. are pedaling fast, and we have to do the same."

In addition to medical experts from the State Department and personnel from each of the four service branches, those participating in the conference included representatives from the German Army, Italian Ministry of Health and numerous U.S. embassies.

"We want everyone to be a shareholder in this issue," said Metz.

Contingency planning

Taking into consideration host nation input and State Department medical assessments, EUCOM is drafting a comprehensive plan that outlines its response posture in the face of a pandemic outbreak.

The draft was submitted to EUCOM directors directly following the conference.

The draft will be further refined and forwarded for general officer approval before it is forwarded to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for review, Sanders said.

The final plan is slated to be sent to the

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Joint Chiefs of Staff for inclusion in President George W. Bush's National Implementation Plan – a detailed look at the U.S. government's capabilities and limitations in the face of a possible pandemic.

"The president is very serious about this matter and its effects on military readiness," Gallagher said.

Starts with education

One of the ways to combat the imposing bird flu threat is to educate the public sector.

The U.S. consulate general held a townhall meeting Jan. 12 in the Deutsch-Amerikanisches Zentrum, James F. Byrnes Institut to provide American citizens living abroad with information on avian flu and basic health precautions.

So just how close is the threat?

The U.S. State Department Travel has not announced any travel restrictions to Americans going to high-risk countries at this time, and the likelihood that people in Europe will be wearing white surgical masks around town, reminiscent of the SARS epidemic in China, is seen as low.

Want to learn more?

- Read more about EUCOM's pandemic-related planning efforts – and learn about basic health precautions related to avian flu – in *The Citizen's* special *Force Protection* edition (Jan. 31 inside *Stars & Stripes*; Feb. 2 at distribution points throughout the Stuttgart and Garmisch military communities).

- For up-to-date information on avian influenza and pandemics visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site at www.cdc.gov.

- To learn about traveling to countries with reported bird flu cases visit the World Health Organization Web site at www.who.int or the U.S. Department of State at www.state.gov.

- For more about U.S. European Command visit www.eucom.mil.

History of Influenza

- 1580 - First recorded pandemic: An outbreak begins in Asia and spreads to Europe, Africa and the Americas.
- 1918 - H1N1 influenza: A pandemic known as the Spanish flu kills up to 50 million people worldwide.
- 1957 - H2N2: An Asian flu pandemic begins in China. It kills 70,000 people in the U.S. and up to 2 million people worldwide.
- 1968 - H3N2: Hong Kong flu pandemic kills 34,000 in the U.S. and about 70,000 people worldwide.
- 1997 - H5N1: Bird flu infects 18 people in Hong Kong, killing six. The outbreak is the first known case of an avian flu being transmitted directly to people. Birds are slaughtered.
- 2001 - H5N1: Strains resurface in Hong Kong's live poultry markets. Birds are slaughtered. There are no human cases.
- 2003 - H5N1: The virus begins spreading throughout Asia, causing at least one death in Hong Kong.
- 2004 - H5N1: Human infections reported in Vietnam and Thailand.
- 2005 - H5N1: Human infections reported in Indonesia, Cambodia and China.
- 2006 - H5N1: Turkey reports first human cases outside of Asia.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site, www.cdc.gov.

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Security and Intelligence Division "Lunch and Lecture" series

(Lectures will last from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

- Jan. 25 – Operations Security (OPSEC) Basics
- Feb. 22 – E-mail Encryption/Digital Signature: An explanation of what the CAC is and how to use it.
- March 22 – Identity Theft/Privacy Act: Why you must protect personal information.
- April 26 – Processing an Installation Pass Application from Start to Finish: The basics of AE Regulation 190-16.
- May 24 – Safe Management: How to change combinations, complete paperwork, and more.
- June 21 – Security in the Workplace: Security is everyone's business; gain some helpful office tips.

For more information

DSN: 421-2824/2133
CIV: 0711-729-2824/2133.

The lectures will be held on Kelley Barracks in bldg 3307, classroom #4. Feel free to bring a bag lunch; beverages will be provided. Register by sending an e-mail containing your name, contact number and unit to wanda.etheridge@us.army.mil or eshe.wyatt@us.army.mil.

Music Spotlight

Stuttgart fans follow local band to Berlin

Story and photos by Brandon Beach

Royaltease singer Eric Gauthier stood backstage Dec. 10 in one of Berlin's premier jazz clubs, Quasimodo, and wondered if the band's drummer, Rainhardt Albrecht-Herz, would ever return to life.

Sitting upright but with eyes sealed shut, Albrecht-Herz seemed an ocean away from the start of the band's biggest gig outside of Stuttgart.

Dubbed as a promotional "tour de force," with an afternoon interview at a local radio station followed by an acoustic jam at the mega-music store, Saturn, the one-day romp through the country's capital was the band's chance to plug their infectious debut album, "Morning After Songs."

The drummer's untimely stomach virus, however, had put the brakes on the party.

The band's tour manager, Peter Streibel, pleaded with him, "Just give this a try, man," and shoved a glass of Alkaselser water in his hands. He didn't move an inch. Streibel turned to Gauthier and warned him that the club's owner slowly grew impatient by the delay.

Sensing a level of tension in the room, Albrecht-Herz awoke with a jolt to the surprise of bassist Fritsch Kleinle, lead guitarist Jens-Peter Abele and a most-relieved Gauthier. His eyes burned with a look like he had just traveled to the edge of the Earth and confronted ghosts. He eyeballed Gauthier from across the room with an affirmed look of "I can do this."

Taking up their instruments to a hailstorm of cheers from the crowd, the band opened the set with the subtle "Morning After Sun," an acoustic song laced with heart-rending musings such as, "Take a memory and put it in your heart, and leave it there until May of next year." It's no wonder that Gauthier, who last year won Baden-Wuerttemberg's Songwriter of the Year award, enjoys a ripe female fan base.

Midway through the set, as the band tore into the punk-infused "Scott Free," the 6'7, heavily-tattooed Streibel, who frequently works as a nighttime bouncer at Stuttgart's popular downtown club Oblomow and as a band manager for not only Gauthier but several amplified heavy metals acts in town, escaped backstage and crashed onto a sofa. He closed his eyes. It had been a long day.

Fans hit the road

Under a sky of deep purple outside Stuttgart's Opera House, some 40 fans and friends of Gauthier and his band huddled near a parked 52-seat passenger bus.

Nearly sold out after its initial August release, the 99 euro rock n' roll ticket to Berlin, advertised on Gauthier's own Web site, included the roundtrip bus ride, one-night hotel accommodation, VIP backstage pass at Quasimodo, special tour CD edition with unreleased tracks, signed poster and the chance to meet the band face to face.

The only problem, as birds chirped in the trees and cigarettes lit up, was that Gauthier and his merry men were a "no show."

The fans boarded the bus shortly before 8 a.m., under the directive of bus driver Ivan Oroz, who adjusted his seat and checked his mirrors before pulling out of the lot. Attentive fans mumbled that the bus was missing a key element: the rock stars themselves.

Stamping out the spark before the fire, Streibel, donning a "La Vida Loca" shirt behind his Harley Davidson black leather vest, took the loudspeaker, welcomed the rock voyagers and explained that the band had opted to take a 6:45 a.m. flight due to a last-minute call from a local radio station interested in an interview.

Streibel's cell phone rang in mid sentence, and it was Gauthier, who announced that the band had arrived in Berlin and would crash at the hotel before its 11 a.m. interview. Later they would make a sound check at the club. Streibel told Gauthier that the fans were angry and "half had already left."

The loudspeaker, still on full volume, picked up a laugh from Gauthier followed by a, "No... really?"

"Come on Eric, it's a joke," assured Streibel, who first met the Royaltease frontman nearly

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Eric Gauthier
Singer

two years ago when he played a gig at Oblomow.

"When Eric said he played Brit pop, I thought 'Oh, God' and just stood in the back with my arms folded," he described of his first impression. "Eric gave me a CD after the show, and I read the lyrics and thought this guy is really talented."

Streibel, nicknamed Django, and a student of event management when he's not tossing out belligerent drunks by their ears, just so happens to run a budding promotions company, Djangotainment.

In May, the two teamed up to hash out an idea of a bus tour to Berlin to promote the release of the band's second album, initially to be called "The Night Before," a rock n' roll follow-up to the lighter "Morning After Songs."

Gauthier, whose day job is that of a high-flying dancer with the Stuttgart Staatsballet, couldn't find the time to lay down the tracks in the studio, as the ballet troupe toured Asia in November, with Gauthier performing the Mercutio role in Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" to several sold-out shows in Bangkok. The troupe would round out their tour in South Korea. As for the ballet, Gauthier says, "It's an amazing job that has allowed me to see the world."

The album is now slated for a March release, according to Gauthier, and the band seeks to broaden its distribution borders outside of Stuttgart, possibly to include Austria and Switzerland.

Produced by Gauthier and Abele, "Morning After Songs" has been a surprise hit within the Stuttgart music scene, selling an astonishing 3,000 copies since its 2004 release, which Gauthier calls "an achievement in itself."

Whether it's dancing or singing, for the multifaceted Gauthier it comes down to being up there on stage and connecting with his audience. "For me, playing live is the best part," he said. "Ever since I was a kid, I've loved to perform."

Down-to-earth music

Located several blocks from the infamous Bahnhof Zoo, Quasimodo is a down-to-earth cellar club that serves up a delicious blend of live jazz, funk, blues and rock shows each evening.

With its low-slung ceiling, red brick walls adorned with black and white photos of jazz artists, dimly lit corner tables



Singer Eric Gauthier and his band, the Royaltease, performed at Berlin's Quasimodo Dec. 10 to promote their debut album "Morning After Songs."

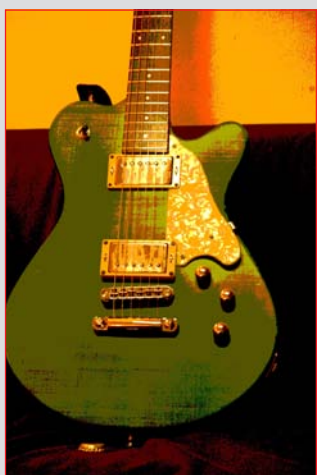
and spacious dance floor, the club caters to those who want to listen to the music and those who want to move to it.

Gauthier and band capped their performance with the sing-along "Jeanice," as a nearly 200 plus audience, including a rowdy Stuttgart fan block, shot back with an energetic "Jeanice" when Gauthier delivered, "I'm sorry but you said your name was it sounded like?"

It was almost 1 a.m., and the band had rocked for some two hours, alternating between subtle love ballads and hard-driving rock songs.

Even Albrecht-Herz, who said afterwards that he had endured "the most horrible day of my life," managed a heartfelt smile when fans burst into applause after he and Kleinle launched into an exhilarating two-minute drum and bass trade-off to close out the evening.

For Royaltease news and concert updates visit www.ericgauthier.com.



Out and About 2006 Concert Preview

Feb. 2: Xavier Naidoo
Schleyer-Halle
Feb. 9: Jägermeister Rock Liga
Röhre
Feb. 27: Brad Mehldau Trio
Theaterhaus
Feb. 27: Bloodhound Gang
MessecongresCentrum B
March 3: Katie Melua
Liederhalle
March 8: Night of Ray Charles
Liederhalle
March 9: Depeche Mode
Schleyer-Halle

March 13: Robert Plant
Liederhalle
April 4: John Lee Hooker, Jr.
Laboratorium
April 24: Dropkick Murphys
LKA Longhorn
May 19: Carlos Santana
Schleyerhalle
May 27: Bon Jovi
Canstatter Wasen
June 4: Eric Clapton
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